Further, GC MS chromatogram provided by CSE also confirms absence of Malathion.

- Heptachlor is banned in the country from 1996. Hence, its presence in such concentration is unlikely. Further, GC MS chromatogram provided by CSE also confirms absence of Heptachlor.
- Chlorpyrifos the mass fragmentation pattern of standard (retention time of 19.36 minutes) and sample (retention time 18.54 minutes) points towards presence of Chlorpyrifos residues in the sample. However, retention time of both do not match.

In view of the above inconsistencies, CSE has been asked to provide further data.

The standard and other regulatory provisions for checking the quality of carbonated water has been prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955. Provision already exists for drawing regular samples of food products from the manufacturers, retailers etc. under the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act, 1954. This provision is implemented by State/UT Governments who draw regular samples of various food products and take appropriate action under PFA Rules, 1955, if the samples are found not conforming with the standards under PFA Rules, 1955.

Running luxury train through Orissa

*433. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote public-private partnership to usher in an area of luxurious train travel and the first luxe-locomotive to chug out would be from the Oberoi Group of Hotels;

(b) if so, the details of this luxury train and the areas through which it would traverse;

(c) whether Government propose to run such a train traversing through heritage Orissa State, a hub of tourism, to promote tourism in this backward State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Railways is keen to promote rail based tourism in the country through Public - Private Partnership. Expression of Interest has been called for in the newspapers from the interested organizations in this regard. Presently, there is no proposal for running such a train in Orissa.

Streamlining of PDS

*434. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foodgrains meant for distribution through PDS to people living below poverty line were being illegaly diverted to the black market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government had appointed a two member Committee to suggest measures for streamlining the public distribution system in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The streamlining of the Public Distribution System to improve its efficiency, accountability and effectiveness is an on going process. The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State Governments wherein the Central Government is responsible for procurement of foodgrains (Rice & Wheat), storage and their transportation upto the Principal Distribution Centers of FCI and delivery at prevailing Central Issue Prices, and the State Governments are responsible for identification of beneficiaries, issue them ration cards and distribute foodgrains through a vast net work of 4.86 lakh Fair Price Shops scattered all over the country. The Central and the State Government work in close coordination in this behalf. In such a vast network of the PDS, the possibility of irregularities in some cases/places can not be ruled out.